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The Kemper County Baptist Association met in its Third Annual Session with the Blackwater Baptist Church, Friday, October 26, 1923, at 10:30 a. m. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Brother J. H. Newton. The devotional exercises were conducted by Brother A. E. Phillips.

The next thing was the roll call of churches:

Antioch	Mrs. J. N. Moore, Miss Willie May Murry, J. W. Pool
Bay Springs	J. H. Cherry, Ike Ray, Clyde Edwards
Binnsville	By Letter
Blackwater	Mrs. Sadie Mosley, Mrs. Ruby Stinnis, J. N. McWilliams, W. L. Grum.
Center Ridge	Mrs. M. A. McCoy, K. Long, I. McWilliams
DeKalb	J. H. Newton and wife, L. P. Spinks, Dr. Key
Electric Mills	By Letter
Friendship	
Philadelphia	Mrs. Dollie Hopper
Scooba	A. C. Furr and wife, W. A. Byrd and wife
Stone Wall	J. F. Jourdan, Houston Lang
Union Hill	By Letter
Wahalak	Wiley Pope

The next order of business was the election of officers. Brother J. H. Newton was elected Moderator, and A. C. Furr was elected Clerk and Treasurer.

Brother J. L. Williams being in bad health, was asked to be relieved from preaching the Association sermon. Brother E. E. Huntsberry was asked to preach.

The scripture lesson was First Corinthians, 13, subject, "Fundamentals."

The following were appointed on Committee of Committees: C. E. McWilliams, Wiley Pope, J. L. Pool.

We had as visitors with us Brother E. E. Huntsberry and wife, Brother H. H. Honeycutt and wife, Brother J. L. Williams and wife, A. E. Phillips, Mrs. Bryant, Mrs. Goodwin from the Lauderdale Association, Brethren J. E. Byrd, L. E. Lightsy, T. W. Green, our state workers.

After some announcements the Association adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After a song and prayer service there was a motion to dispense with the regular order of business and give Brother J. E. Byrd time to speak. The same was carried. Brother Byrd used the time that was given him well.

The next thing in order was the reading of the Report on Christian Education by Brother W. W. Mosley. The same was discussed by Brothers H. H. Hunicutt, T. W. Green and J. H. Newton. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

One of the most powerful agencies of our denomination are our schools and colleges. Extensive and permanent conquests can not be made for our Master without a trained leadership. A trained Baptist leadership is impossible without unadulterated Baptist colleges. Almost a century ago some Mississippi Baptists realized this fact and laid the foundation for the splendid system of schools which we so proudly claim today.

I. MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST SCHOOLS.

1. Clarke College—H. T. McLaurin, President.

Clarke College is a co-educational junior college. It is ideally and strategically located, being at Newton, Newton County, Mississippi. It is, therefore, in the heart of Mississippi, one of the most thickly populated sections in the State, and in this territory Baptists are numbered by the thousands.

The past of this institution has been far from spectacular. Rather it has been one of unheralded sacrifice. Mistakes in management there have been, but there can be no doubting the sacrificial liberality of many of its trustees and faculty members. A new day, however, has dawned for Clarke College. The people of Newton, the trustees, the Education Commission, the people of East-Central Mississippi, in fact the entire Baptist denomination of the State are square behind Clarke College.

During the summer \$10,000 have been used in renovating the buildings and providing new equipment. Every room in the dormitories, as well as the class rooms, has been made over. They are as good as new. A new plumbing outfit has been substituted for the old one, and a new heating plant installed.

H. T. McLaurin, for many years enlistment man for that section, a man of ability, enthusiasm, personality, tact and consecration, is the new president of the college. He has gathered around him the strongest faculty in its history. Things have already begun to move. The enrollment next session bids fair to reach the 200 mark. Clarke College is destined to become one of the strongest junior colleges in the South. Brethren, with your prayers and support help us make it so.

2. Blue Mountain College, W. T. Lowrey, President.

Blue Mountain College is now the only Baptist School in Mississippi which maintains a full four-year high school course and a full four-year college course. In order to standardize, a college must either do away with its preparatory department or make it separate from the college department in faculty, students, discipline and buildings. Blue Mountain College chose the latter because of the fact that there are many girls in Mississippi and surrounding states who need a Christian boarding school for their high school course.

In accordance with the action of the Baptist Convention at Grenada in November, 1922, Blue Mountain College has prepared to meet the conditions for being placed on the recommended list of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

The college has just completed the first half century of its his-

tory. During those fifty years she has educated many thousands of women who are now scattered over many nations and states. In Mississippi you can hardly visit a community without finding former Blue Mountain students. Almost invariably they stand for righteousness and for all the best interests of mankind and of Christ's Kingdom.

The fifty-first annual session will open September 19, 1923. Extensive material improvements have recently been made, and the authorities claim that they have employed the strongest faculty in the history of the institution. Blue Mountain College will, therefore, be better prepared than ever before to give proper comforts, conveniences and educational training.

The new department of Christianity and Social Relations, headed by Dr. E. B. Hatcher, is worthy of special note. Dr. Hatcher is an M. A. from Richmond College, Virginia, a Th. M. from the S. B. T. Seminary and has had two years of graduate work in Johns Hopkins University. He is a writer, author, preacher and teacher of distinguished ability and from a distinguished family.

There is no higher or healthier section in this State than "The Berkshire Hills of North Mississippi," in the midst of which Blue Mountain College is located.

Blue Mountain is known throughout the South, if not throughout the entire country; it is a household word in every nook and corner of Mississippi.

President W. T. Lowrey will be glad to send a copy of the Semi-Centennial Catalogue which will give you a fair knowledge of the past history and present condition of this great Baptist School. It was founded by General M. P. Lowrey, owned for forty-seven years by the Lowrey and Berry families, and has now happily passed under the ownership and management of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

3. Woman's College, J. L. Johnson, President.

The Mississippi Woman's College closed last May the eleventh year of the institution. The attendance was as good as it could be because our dormitories were filled the entire year. The enrollment, counting some local pupils whose names we did not put in the catalogue, was a little over 500. Our Bible and Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work was as fine as we have ever done. From the number of diplomas and seals given the Bible and Sunday School work it is probable that we will be among the first three of the Southern Baptist Convention Schools in number. The Woman's College captured the banner at the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. State Convention at Columbus this year for the best college B. Y. P. U.. Practically every girl in school belongs to the Y. W. A., and we had the largest number of Mission Study Classes conducted by students that we have ever had.

The health of our student body could not have been better, as we have not had a single case of serious illness during the session.

We have just completed the beautiful Mary Ross Hospital, which has been built as a memorial to Mrs. Mary Ross, the mother of Mrs. Herren of Laurel. Mrs. Herren was a member of the Episcopal Church and left this money to be used in memory of her own mother. With its equipment, it cost about \$28,000, and gives us every facility for taking care of the health of our students. We are building also a science hall which we hope will be ready by the time the session begins.

The greatest forward movement taken by the Woman's College for the coming session lies in the fact that we are complying with the requirements of the State Department of Education to be placed

upon the recommended list of colleges. This means that a graduate from this school will be eligible to teach in any of the public schools of Mississippi.

We are adding over 3,000 books to our library, giving us the required number of 5,000. A great many of these books have been donated by friends of the college, and quite a number have been purchased.

In order to meet the requirements of the State Department of Education we are cutting off our preparatory department which has been quite large. We will have the last year of high school next year, and after then we will not have any high school students at all. We regret very much to lose our high school students, but we feel that we cannot afford to be left off the recommended list.

The Woman's College is doing its best to meet the intellectual standards of the time, and above everything else, to give to our girls a Christian training in a Christian atmosphere. As a Baptist school, supported by Baptists, the Woman's College is striving to give to its students a full knowledge of the principles for which Baptists stand and a close acquaintanceship with the denominational work of our State and country.

4. Mississippi College, J. W. Provine, President.

The session of 1922-23 of Mississippi College stands out as one of the most eventful in her history.

(1) The enrollment of 410 college students is the largest we ever had—48 in advance of the session before.

(2) Through the generous and patriotic attitude of the Convention, and the untiring efforts of the Secretary of the Commission, the endowment of the college was increased to \$640,000.

(3) On account of the increase of the endowment the college was admitted to membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, thus giving us the standing so much desired among the colleges and universities of the country.

(4) The faculty of 1923-24 will be the most outstanding in our long history. There are six who hold the Ph. D. degree, one the Th. D. Ten members of the faculty are in various universities doing special work this summer. Four members are pushing their work for the completion of the requirements for the Ph. D. These men will bring to their classes the best in scholarship. Every man will be active in Christian work.

(5) The spirit of faculty and student body was never finer. They are loyal and have a high degree of zeal for every arm of the college work.

(6) Great improvements are being made and will be made during the session. All the rooms are being completely renovated, painted and calsomined, fifteen hundred feet of sidewalks are being built, laboratories put in good condition, apparatus supplied generously, and the library will have good books added. A new heating unit for Ratliff Hall and the library building is in course of construction and will be ready for use in sixty days. Handsome brick columns with lights on top are being placed at the entrance to the campus. This in honor of Battery E, 140th Field Artillery.

(7) Our new church and Dr. Lovelace are constant sources of pride to us, and is adding more to our efficiency than any other thing. God is honoring and blessing the labors of our pastor.

(8) The outlook is as bright as we could hope for. It really seems brilliant. But we need and must have the sympathy and prayers of the Baptist hosts of our State and country.

II. SOUTH-WIDE INSTITUTIONS.

Mississippi Baptists help to support and maintain three South-Wide institutions of learning. They are the Baptist Bible Institute, located at New Orleans, La.; the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Fort Worth, Texas, and the Southern Baptist Seminary, at Louisville, Ky. Over one thousand of our choicest young men and young women were in these institutions last session preparing for definite Christian service at home and abroad. They are mighty forces in Kingdom conquests. The next session of these institutions open in September with a large attendance in prospect.

Hillman College.

While Hillman College is not now owned and controlled by the Baptist denomination, it is still Baptist in spirit. It is located at Clinton. M. P. L. Berry, one of the very best men in Mississippi, is now its president. It is a Junior College for girl, with one of the strongest faculties which can be found in a similar kind of school anywhere. The Baptist State Convention at Grenada placed its approval upon Hillman College and its work. It is a strong denominational asset and is worthy of our prayers and patronage.

Conclusion.

Baptists' position in the Christian army twenty years from now will largely depend upon the care which they take of their schools today. All of our institutions of learning in Mississippi are greatly in need of endowments and scholarships. We ought to have enough income from a permanent source to maintain unexcelled faculties and provide adequate equipment for the prosecution of the work in the most efficient manner possible. We need enough scholarships to insure the education of all of our aspiring, worthy poor boys and girls. Thousands, like the woman of old, have given their mites. By their sacrificial offerings the entire educational history of Mississippi Baptists has been made glorious. May these continue to increase, but is it not time for some of our brethren who have been largely blessed with worldly possessions to make some large gifts to our colleges? They could not invest their money in anything that would endure so long and yield so large dividends. May the Lord quite speedily open their eyes to the opportunity and quicken their hearts and minds to action.

W. W. MOSLEY.

The Committee on Committees made the following report:

Committee on Finance—J. H. Cherry, S. W. Key and Bill Severance.

Committee on Nominations, Time and Place—J. M. McWilliams, Clyde McWilliams, and J. F. Jourdan.

Committee on Obituary—Wiley Pope, M. A. McCoy and C. E. McWilliams.

Committee on Resolutions—K. Long, Miss Willie May Murry.

After announcements, the Association adjourned until Saturday morning at 10.00 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. After song and prayer service, conducted by Brother J. L. Williams, the Association proceeded with its regular order of business.

The Minutes of Friday was read and approved.

The report on Social Service was read by Brother J. M. McWilliams. The same was discussed by Brothers J. E. Lightsey, J. H. Newton, J. L. McWilliams and A. C. Furr. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICE

I. SOCIAL SERVICE IN GENERAL.

Social Service is applied Christianity. It is following the example of our Saviour "who went about doing good." It is exemplifying that pure and undefiled religion which visits the fatherless and widows in their affliction. It is meeting the challenge of love as given in I. John 3:17: But whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

Social Service is putting the leaven of the Gospel into the whole social lump until society is purified therewith. It is the process of weaving into our social fabric the warp and woof of Christianity.

Social Service is that part of our Baptist program which seeks to deal with crime, immorality, poverty, disease and everything that concerns society as a whole. It looks beyond the case of individual need to the cause of that need and its effect upon society.

Social problems must be met and mastered not only by the churches as such, but by the Christian citizenship which gathers into and grows out of the churches of Jesus Christ.

Christian citizens deal with these problems: (1) through preventive measures, sanitation, hygiene, law enforcement; (2) through corrective measures, prisons, asylums, reformatories; and (3) through relief measures, hospitals, orphanages, Good Will Centers, care of old preachers, etc.

Every agency that seeks to deal with these problems along lines consistent with Baptist principles should have the heartiest co-operation of our churches.

Some such agencies, not under Baptist direction, are as follows:

1. Law Enforcement.

Aside from the local machinery for law enforcement in every community, the agencies that should have the fullest sympathy and aid from every loyal Baptist in the prosecution of their work are the Anti-Saloon League, headed by Dr. T. J. Bailey, Supt., Jackson, and the Federal Prohibition Enforcement officers, headed by Mr. M. H. Daily, Prohibition Director, Jackson. The work of these departments cannot be made effective except through the active co-operation of the churches. The moral standing of any community depends upon the standards fixed by the churches. No community will have more moonshining and bootleggers than is countenanced by the churches.

The Federal Prohibition Director makes the following statement in reference to the co-operation received by his department from the Baptists of Mississippi:

"Quite a large percentage of the cases made by this office have been the direct result of the helpful influence and suggestion coming from the great Baptist denomination. Its ministers, laymen and

Woman's Missionary Societies have been alert to report all infractions of the law coming under their observation. We acknowledge with grateful appreciation this splendid service for the enforcement of law and order, and especially thank the ladies of your Missionary Societies for their untiring efforts to promote the work chargeable to this office.

"We earnestly solicit your influence in having Congress make adequate appropriation for our work and your continued co-operation in helping to reduce the cost of bringing offenders to justice by giving information so definite and reliable that violations may be determined and arrests made with the least possible expense."

2. Public Health.

The work of the State Board of Health, under direction of Dr. W. S. Leathers, Jackson, is an agency whose splendid work should have the intelligent co-operation of our people. Your committee would urge the pastors and churches to study the great work of this department and give to it every assistance possible.

We quote in part from a statement made by Dr. Leathers for use in this report:

"The State Board of Health is desirous of promoting the health work of the State in a sane and intelligent way. This can be done best through the intelligent interest of large influential groups of people such as those who constitute the membership of the Baptist denomination. Those of us who are particularly interested in the health of Mississippi, and who are endeavoring to lead the people, informing right habits of living, believe and know that one of the largest influences that could be exerted for attaining the results desired is through the co-operation of the Christian people of Mississippi. When properly analyzed, health essentially means Christian living. The principles underlying health work are those principles which are advocated in the teachings of Christ, and there can be no question about the fact that Christian people should lend their hearty support to the prevention of sickness and the control and ultimate suppression of preventable diseases."

3. Child Welfare.

The Mississippi Children's Home Society, located at Jackson, of which Rev. John L. Sutton is superintendent, is the greatest single agency in the State for the care of dependent children.

It is estimated that there are about 12,000 neglected and dependent children in the State of Mississippi. About 5,200 of this number would be classed as cripples, sub-normal and feeble minded; 6,800 of this number are prospectively normal, provided they are transplanted and engrafted into the proper homes where they would get the love and attention that is necessary for them to develop into good men and women. 50 per cent of this number are negro children, leaving about 3,500 white children who are prospectively normal. The institutional plan is caring for about 800 of this number, leaving about 2,600 white children who are prospectively normal, but neglected and dependent. We estimate that there are between 91,000 and 100,000 good homes in the State that could adopt and raise a child as it should be raised. This is the work that this society hopes to bring to pass. Every childless home should be open to receive and care for one of these little ones.

Your committee would recommend that our pastors and churches give the most sympathetic co-operation to the work of this society. Invite its superintendent to visit your church and explain his work. He is a splendid Christian man who is giving his life to the welfare of dependent children.

4. Good Will Center.

Mississippi has but one Good Will Center. This is located in the mill district of Meridian. It is directly under the management of Miss Millie Mae McLellan, a graduate of the Louisville Training School. Miss McLellan lives in the Good Will Center Home where she has one assistant. Together they look after this home, where they do their own housekeeping, where they have a day nursery for children whose mothers work out, and where the various clubs of Good Will Center hold their meetings. The building is not large, but the hall for public meetings is commodious and attractive. Miss McLellan works out from this Center in all portions of the city. She does this by personal visits, and by the use of the telephone, which by the way, is one of the most useful implements in this part of the city, for it is so placed that it may be used night and day; and there is scarcely a night that hurry calls are not made over it for either physician or hospital.

This report could be made largely statistical; for the number of visits made in the interest of God's work, the number of little children cared for, the amount of necessary clothing given out, the number of pupils taught in night schools, the number of boys and girls reached by the various clubs, and the number of disheartened women who are sent away with words of cheer—all these, if enumerated, would run up into the thousands.

Our Good Will Center is doing God's service. Let us in every way in our power encourage the work.

II. STATE SOCIAL SERVICE INSTITUTIONS

1. Mississippi Baptist Orphanage, J. R. Carter, Superintendent.

The efforts put forth by Christian people in saving and training children are the most effective efforts for citizenship and for Kingdom building. We should give more adequate support both financial and moral to all the child welfare agencies that are working for the betterment of neglected children.

We feel that much has been done through the efforts of our Baptist Orphanage, and commend it and its work to the prayerful consideration and support of our churches and Sunday schools. We would urge that through the remainder of our present program (the 75 Million Campaign) our people seek to redeem their pledges and thus take care of the Orphanage, and all other objects fostered by our denomination.

More than a thousand children have been cared for and trained by our Baptist Orphanage and have gone out to take their places in society, and in our Kingdom work. Less than one per cent of this number has become a menace to society, or made shipwreck of his life.

We have had an average in our Orphanage during the year of 170 children. We learn from our management that the health of the children has been good, and that their efforts have been attended with a good degree of prosperity and success. We would urge the loyal and hearty co-operation of all of our people that all the needs of the institution may be provided for.

2. Mississippi Baptist Hospital, R. S. Curry, Superintendent.

The past year has been perhaps the most important year in the growth and development of the Baptist Hospital in its whole history.

We have now a splendid working staff of Physicians, Surgeons and Specialists. We have a first class chemical laboratory; a splendid X-Ray machine used for diagnostic work, with Dr. W. F. Henderson, who is one of the best radiologists in the State, in charge.

We will, within the next sixty days, install a new up-to-date X-Ray machine to be used wholly for treatment of incurable cases, especially cancer cases.

We have treated since our last report 1,671 patients, 210 of whom were treated free. The Hospital has no funds with which to care for charity patients except the profit made upon pay patients, which facts prevent us from taking many who apply for free hospital care.

We now have 25 nurses—splendid young women, who are preparing themselves for the high calling of nursing the sick.

We are profoundly grateful to all our friends who have given us assistance, especially the different church, Sunday School and missionary organizations.

The good women, last fall, organized the Hospital Auxiliary, which has done and is doing splendid work for the Hospital. We bespeak for them the hearty co-operation of all friends of the Hospital.

3. Baptist Memorial Hospital, Joseph Purvis, Superintendent.

The work of the hospital moved forward steadily during the first six months of 1923. The aim has been to keep the work up to the standard and make improvements in organization and operation. The second floor was put into use for patients during this period.

Patronage continues to increase, as shown by the following figures: Patients admitted, 5,399 (as against 4,168 for same period last year), of these 602 came from Arkansas, 3,745 from Tennessee, 909 from Mississippi and 143 from other states; 468 of these were cared for in the charity departments, 80 from Arkansas, 292 from Tennessee, 62 from Mississippi, and 34 from other states.

In the laboratories, 7,615 examinations and tests were made; the X-Ray Department did 1,506 treatments and pictures; the new department of Physio-Therapy administered 1,276 treatments. The expenditures in operating the hospital for the six months were \$265,641.31; of this amount \$47,485.86 was expended for charity. Double all these figures and a year's work will be seen. Only the year's work will probably be more than double, since the work grows in volume from year to year.

The bonded indebtedness, on account of building, is \$240,000. The payment of pledges, made in the 75 Million Campaign in Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas and Memphis and vicinity, are depended on to liquidate this indebtedness.

The religious life of the institution, among patients and nurses, moves on as heretofore. A Volunteer Band has recently been organized in the Training School, through the influence of the Inter-Board Commission in Student activities. The Woman's Auxiliary of the hospital keeps up its active and useful service, both in and out of the hospital. They deserve the co-operation of the Baptist women in the three states.

III. SOUTH-WIDE SOCIAL SERVICE INSTITUTIONS

1. The Relief and Annuity Board, Wm. Lunsford, Cor. Sec.

In May, 1920, the total assets of the Relief and Annuity Board amounted to \$162,123.10. In May, 1923, the total had reached \$1,490,193.59.

From the best estimate that we can get, Southern Baptists, in all the states put together, paid to their old preachers in the three years preceding the 75 Million Campaign, in round numbers, \$116,000. In the past three years, since the beginning of the Campaign,

we have increased the yearly allowance paid to our beneficiaries over the estimated three years immediately preceding the campaign, \$184,173.31, an average of more than \$61,000 per year. While this increase is gratifying, we are by no means doing what we should do.

The immediate and imperative need of the Relief and Annuity Board, at this time, is a fixed income of \$100,000 per year, on the relief side of the work alone, in addition to what the Board is now receiving and will continue to receive from the states. This will take an interest-bearing fund, for relief alone, of at least one and a half million dollars, of which we now have about five hundred thousand, including endowment and reserve.

The Board has now a beneficiary list of between eight and nine hundred. Others are being added from month to month. The number of beneficiaries from Mississippi is now forty, 24 men and 16 widows. These are receiving an average of \$10.00 per month. While we have made great strides since the organization of the new Board, in giving aid and comfort to the disabled and retired ministers, we are not beginning to do what we should do.

Our aim is to persuade our people to make it clear to the minister that after he has given himself whole-heartedly to the work, and spent himself freely, in his ministry, that if he should fail in his work, or die in it, or grow old in it, the denomination will not permit his family to suffer, nor him to suffer in his declining years. We want to make our young preachers feel that the denomination has thus spoken to them, and that they can accept its word at par. To do this will put new life in our preachers, greatly increase their efficiency, and the denomination would be the real beneficiary.

Your committee would urge the people everywhere to pay their pledges to the campaign so that the aid now being given to these old heroes of the Cross may be materially increased.

J. L. McWILLIAMS.

The following brethren were asked to serve on committee on Digest of Letters: S. McWilliams, J. L. Williams and Clyde Edwards.

Motion was made to dispose of as much of the business Saturday afternoon as possible that the Association adjourn Sunday at noon.

The Association adjourned for noon to meet again at 2:00 p. m.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After song and prayer service, the Moderator called for the reading of the Report on Digest of Letters. This report was read and adopted as a partial report.

The Committee on Nominations, Time and Place makes the following report:

We, your Committee on Nominations, Time and Place, make the following report: The Association will meet in its next session with the Bay Springs Baptist Church on Friday before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1924.

Brother J. H. Newton will preach the Association sermon. Some State worker to preach the second sermon.

The following are chairmen of committees to prepare report for the next meeting of the Association: Social Service, M. A. McCoy; Christian Education, D. P. Davis; Missions, I. A. Sanders.

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That A. C. Furr be recommended to the State Convention as a member of the State Mission Board.

The Sunday School will be held with
beginning the third Sunday in August, and week following.

That A. C. Furr be sent as messenger to the State Convention.

Treasurer's Report.

Amount brought forward	\$ 13.46
Amount sent in by churches	53.30
Public offering at Association	9.28
Public offering at Association for Missions	20.00
DeKalb and Antioch sent in	9.00

Total.....\$105.04

Paid out for Printing of Minutes	\$ 49.50
Paid to Dr. R. B. Gunter	20.00
Paid to Clerk	20.00
Postage and printing of programs	4.00
Cash on hand	11.54

Total.....\$105.04

A motion was made to change Article Seven of the Constitution to read: "One member from each church," instead of five from the entire Association.

Report on Obituaries.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, make the following report:

That since the meeting of our Association, God has seen fit to remove from the walks of life five of our members. We feel that all things work together for good to them that love God. We extend to the bereaved ones our heartfelt sympathy.

Respectfully,

W. M. POPE,

C. E. McWILLIAMS.

SUNDAY MORNING

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. After a song and prayer service the Committee on Resolutions made their report.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, would submit the following:

1. That we call on all churches and all members of every church in the Association to redeem their pledge to the 75 Million Campaign.
2. That we endorse the campaign to secure one-sixth of the mem-

bership of churches in this state as tithers, and that we urge on the churches of this Association to plan toward this great program.

3. That this Association go down on record as favoring the full enforcement of the Prohibition Law, and that we urge investigation in every part of the county, promising the court the full support of the churches of this Association.

4. That this Association extend a cordial and open invitation to all Baptist Churches in Kemper County to join this body.

5. That the Association allow the Clerk \$20.00 for his services in preparing the Minutes and transacting the necessary business of the body.

6. That this Association express its appreciation to the following for their help and inspiring addresses: Brother E. E. Huntsberry, H. H. Honeycutt, A. E. Phillips and J. Z. Williams from the Lauderdale County Association, and Brothers J. E. Byrd, T. W. Green, L. E. Lightsey from our State Board.

7. That we extend our thanks to the members of Blackwater Church and the people of the community for their hospitality and their untiring interest in our welfare.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIE MAE MURRY.

K. LONG,

Resolution.

Whereas, The wisdom of a united effort on the part of the Southern Baptists has been so clearly demonstrated during the past four years, as evidenced by the unprecedented progress which has been made in kingdom work, and

Whereas, Our people have seen the wisdom of budgeting the work of the denomination so as to provide regularly and adequately for all worthy causes, and

Whereas, We have seen the value of a worthy financial objective or goal in our plan to raise 75 Million Dollars in five years, and

Whereas, we have seen the need for canvassing the churches annually in order to enlist the new converts who are coming in every year, and of re-enlisting those who move during the year, and

Whereas, We have been more thoroughly impressed with the need of regular and systematic giving all through the year, and

Whereas, We, as a denomination, must continue to go forward; and to go forward we must look ahead and plan ahead;

Be it Therefore Resolved, That we, the Kemper County Baptist Association, in annual convention assembled, signify our approval of:

1. A united south-wide movement following the close of the 75 Million Campaign to raise funds with which to carry on our mission, social service and educational work.

2. A budget for all mission, social service and education work;

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same to be divided and distributed on a percentage basis in proportion to the relative needs and merits of the various causes fostered by the denomination.

3. A five-year financial objective, same to be not less than \$75,000,000 for the five years—the amount to be determined by the sum total of the conservative claims of the various causes, after each shall have made a careful survey of its needs and future plans.

4. An annual appeal for pledges which will insure a thorough canvass of all the members of all the churches once a year.

5. A united effort for teaching Stewardship and Budget plan for denominational and local work of the Baptist Churches of our State.

6. An ample period of time to insure thorough preparation for the program which shall follow the 75 Million Campaign.

By order of the Kemper County Baptist Association, October 28, 1923.

J. H. NEWTON, Moderator,
A. C. FURR, Clerk.

The next thing in order was the Report on Missions. Hon. L. P. Spinks made the report. The same was discussed by L. P. Spinks, A. C. Furr, J. H. Newton, and J. D. Wallace. The same was adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

It is with a feeling of deep gratitude to God that we are able to report the progress made in the various departments of Mission work during the past year. We are on a rising tide.

I. MISSIONS WITHIN THE STATE

1. Church Building and Church Extension Support—

The amount appropriated for church building purposes for this year is \$27,000. The number of churches being assisted from this fund is 49. Of this number 21 are town churches and 28 are country churches. This is by far the largest appropriation that has ever been made for church extension work by our State Board.

2. Missionary Pastoral Support—

The Board is assisting in paying the salaries of 100 pastors. The number of churches represented is 153. Of this number 68 are in town and 85 in the country. The appropriation to this work surpassed any previous appropriation.

3. Miscellaneous Mission Work—

The Board is assisting in the paying of the salaries of four Indian pastors. The amount set apart for this work is \$500. There are eight churches sharing in this fund, besides some mission work is being done among Indians who have no work. The Board is paying a salary to Rev. B. H. Ellis who is missionary to the Creoles. He is a faithful missionary and his work is prospering. In addition to this, the Board pays part of the salary of the Corresponding Secretary of the Negro Baptist Convention Board, a part of the salary of the Bible teacher in the Jackson Baptist College (colored), and furnishes Bible, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Teachers for two weeks each, at

Natchez and Jackson Colleges once a year. Then the Board pays a part of the salaries of two religious workers in Good Will Center, Meridian, and a part of the salary of two religious workers, one in Blue Mountain College, and one in the Woman's College.

4. Enlistment Missionary Work—

The Board began the year's work with six enlistment missionaries. Three have since resigned. The total visible results of their work in so far as it can be tabulated, is as follows: Churches visited, 1,081; services held, 1,326; sermons and addresses, 1,382; Sunday Schools organized, 5; training classes organized, 5; B. Y. P. U.'s organized, 7; W. M. U.'s organized, 7; Every Member Canvasses made for local budget, 132; mission and benevolent canvasses, 30; Baptist Record put into every home, 6; subscriptions for the Baptist Record, 136; Pastor's fields formed, 29; conferences with churches, 363; Pastors' conferences attended, 156; associational board meetings, 31; building enterprises begun, 20; additions to churches, by baptism, 90; by letter, 55; by statement, 3; by restoration, 3. These brethren gave a great part of their time to the 75 Million Campaign.

5. Colportage Mission Work—

The Board has had in the field one man, Rev. L. E. Lightsey, who gives his time in the main to the Baptist Record, the sale of books for the Baptist Book Store, and to the distribution of religious tracts. His report follows: Churches visited, 149; services held, 109; sermons and addresses, 285; books sold, 3,711; books given, 67; B. Y. P. U.'s organized, 1; W. M. U.'s organized, 1; subscriptions to Home and Foreign Field, 200; subscriptions to Orphanage Gem, 75; subscriptions to Royal Service, 62; subscriptions to the Baptist Record, 948; Tracts distributed, 2,496; amount received for books, \$2,494.15; additions by baptism, 31, and by letter, 36. Brother Lightsey's work grows every year.

6. Sunday School Work—

The Sunday School Department, through the Assistant Secretary, J. E. Sweany, makes the following report: The Sunday School workers have visited 170 churches. During the month of April, Mr. Byrd and Mr. Sweany gave their entire time to the 75 Million Campaign; 1,237 diplomas have been issued for the completion of the Sunday School Normal Manual, and 5,077 seals for the completion of other books in the course. Fifteen city training schools have been held, and 51 rural schools, and in some of these rural schools every church in the county where a school is held has been represented. Four weeks were given to the two negro colleges. There are about 250 more Sunday Schools than there were last year. There have been 21 additions to the churches by letter, 53 by baptism and about 60 professions of faith who did not unite with the churches at the time the workers were there.

7. B. Y. P. U. Work—

The Secretary of the B. Y. P. U. Department, Mr. Auber J. Wilds, makes the following report: We have come into a new era in B. Y. P. U. work. The B. Y. P. U. is thought of now only as a very vital part of our church life, and the church without a B. Y. P. U. is as much out of line in Kingdom building as is a church without a Sunday School. We have come to realize—none too soon—that it is just as important to teach "How" to do as it is to teach "What" to do.

The Pastor the Chief Officer.

The acceptance of the B. Y. P. U. as a part of the church means that the pastor finds himself the chief officer, pastor of the B. Y. P. U. No department of the church will go beyond the leadership of the pastor. The responsibility then is upon the pastor to assume the obligation. The true pastor recognizes in this department of the work his chief ally. The B. Y. P. U., if properly pastored, will back the pastor in all his work.

Advance in the Country.

There has been a marked increased interest shown by the country churches during the past year, and many of these churches have organized B. Y. P. U.'s. They are feeling the need of leaders and are welcoming the organization that promises them this help. Since the large majority of churches in Mississippi are country churches, we are looking to them to promote the B. Y. P. U. interest. Any church, regardless as to location, can have a B. Y. P. U. if there is just one person in the church absolutely consecrated to the work, and certainly there is not a church but has this one person.

B. Y. P. U. Statistics.

Two thousand B. Y. P. U.'s have been organized within the past year in the 18 Southern States. Mississippi claims 100 of these. The number of Unions in Mississippi has grown to 700.

Three states, Texas, Georgia and North Carolina, have 1,000 or more B. Y. P. U.'s. Mississippi ought to be in this class.

The Sunday School Board publishes each quarter 362,200 B. Y. P. U. Quarterlies. Mississippi receives about 21,000 of these.

Five years ago we had no Associational B. Y. P. U. organizations. There are now ten.

Five years ago we had no district organization, and we now have our six District B. Y. P. U. Conventions that are proving powerful factors in our organization.

Our State Convention has grown from an attendance of 350 five years ago to an attendance of 1,500.

An Added Worker.

At a meeting of the State Mission Board last December, another worker was added to our B. Y. P. U. force. Miss Sallie Payne Morgan of Aberdeen. Miss Morgan is devoting her time to Junior and Intermediate B. Y. P. U. work. Her record for the year is most gratifying. and we bless the Lord for her work.

8. W. M. U. Work—

The W. M. U. Department, through its State Secretary, Miss M. M. Lackey, makes the following report of their stewardship for the associational year closing with August 1, 1923:

The Woman's Missionary Union has five definite aims which they purpose to carry out in the accomplishment of their work, namely: Supplication, Stewardship, Study, Service and Soul-Winning. A standard of excellence containing ten points is placed before each local society to help the same fulfill these definite aims.

The growth of the work in Mississippi has made it necessary to enlarge the official family. Besides the President, Young People's Leader and Corresponding Secretary, there are now six Vice-Presidents, one over each of the six districts, also a Young People's Counselor in each district. A State Personal Service Leader, a Steward-

ship Chairman and a Mission Study Chairman. The ideal being the same officers in each local society, each association and each district. Other officers required for looking after special phases are a Margaret Fund Chairman, a Training School Chairman, Recording Secretary and College Correspondent.

The number of local organizations are now 1,404, of which 771 are Woman's Missionary Societies and the other Young People's. Of this number of W. M. S., 88 are new organizations; and of the young people's 161 are new organizations.

This growth is not abnormal; indeed not just what it should be, but it has given us healthy organizations. And we attribute this in large measure to mission study. Our women and our young people are devoting more time and attention to the study of missions than ever before. This past year Mississippi reported 35 per cent of all the classes doing mission work within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The heart of the Mississippi W. M. U. is deeply interested in the 75 Million Campaign, hence the Union is going forward this year under the slogan—

"A Dollar each quarter
From each Mother and Daughter."

This over and above campaign pledges. In order to succeed in carrying out this slogan, the women are appealing to the brethren in every association to lend their help in this matter.

With a firm conviction that the work of Christian womanhood may best be accomplished through organization, the W. M. U. is going forth bearing upon their banner this watchword:

"He that wrought us for this very thing is God"—II. Cor., 5:5.

9. Laymen's Work.

The Laymen have no distinctive organization in Mississippi, except an Executive Committee of six leading laymen who are appointed each year by the State Convention. This committee advises with the other leaders of our denominational work in planning and executing the various programs for the advancement of the Kingdom.

More and more the laymen of our State are lining up in the regular denominational program and making themselves useful in carrying out the plans of the churches, the associations and the denomination at large. More laymen were used in putting over our spring cash round-up than have ever taken part in a similar movement before. Still larger use will be made of our consecrated laymen in the plans now being projected for the fall.

The Budget-Stewardship Campaign that is now being launched throughout the South is largely an outgrowth of the agitation and interest of the laymen during recent years. Their influence and active assistance are now urged in the teaching of Stewardship and in putting into operation in the churches the Unified Budget Plan for gathering and distributing funds for the Lord's work.

10. The Baptist Record.

The Baptist Record, another agency of the State Convention Board has had hard sailing due to the fact that many churches have put into the budget, thus paying only \$1.50 for each subscriber, when the paper costs \$2.00, for each subscriber, to get it out. We are glad to note, however, that the paper, since the first of January, has gained

some in subscriptions ranging around ten thousand—due largely to the growing recognition of its importance—and the receipts since the first of January have been \$984.67 more than the cost of production. This is due to three things: First, to an increase of advertising; to the energetic work of the subscription clerk, and to the fact that some other expenses should by rights have been charged to the paper. At the present price of \$1.50, when put into the budget of the church, the paper cannot pan out, unless the subscription is greatly increased. The Budget plan is the best and most practical method for handling the Baptist Record, but it may become necessary to require the full price of \$2.00 even when put into the budget.

11. The Baptist Book Store—

The Baptist Book Store, which belongs to the State Convention Board, has sold more books this year than ever. The operating expense has been cut some, but the paying of taxes has interfered with the profits. We hope, however, that with the increased sales to come out in the clear with sufficient profit to justify the maintenance of this phase of the work. It has made a small profit for the past two years. We would urge our people to buy from their own store, even though they may at times have to pay a little more for a book than they would have to pay to a second hand store or to a cut price concern, simply for the reason that if our store makes any profit, the profit goes into the State Mission treasury.

12. The Baptist Press—

The Baptist Press, belonging to the State Convention Board, has been for several months making some profit on operation. The business is increasing. We would call attention of our people to the fact that the Baptist Press is doing excellent work. It is also aiding in making the work of our denomination more efficient. We do not have to be delayed in getting our printing done. The Baptist Record gets out on time. The Press employs some of the best printers in Jackson.

13. The Baptist 75 Million Campaign—

The receipts from the beginning of the Campaign to date are \$2,358,816.31. The receipts from August 1st, 1922, to August 1st, 1923, were \$449,036.04. The money has been distributed on the following percentage basis: Foreign Missions, 255 per cent; Home Missions, .16 per cent; State Missions, .19 per cent; Ministerial Relief, .014 per cent; Orphanage, .03 per cent; Hospital, .053 per cent; General Objects, .018 per cent; Southwide Objects, .04 per cent; Christian Education, .24 per cent. There remains only about fifteen or sixteen months until the campaign will close. We must work fast. This year's spring round-up campaign was very satisfactory as a whole, due largely to the fact that all-day services were planned for in all the churches. This was reinforced by the going of many laymen from the strong churches to assist in making the campaign a success. It was also due to the thorough organization for this work.

It is exceedingly important that our churches give themselves during the month of October to the raising of large sums of cash in order to enable the State Board and the other causes to carry to completion the work as outlined for the year. Because of the large appropriation made, we shall be compelled to have more cash this fall than we have heretofore received if the work is completed. The State Board of Mississippi appropriated this year over \$115,000. Thus far

since the campaign was launched our work has been carried on without interruption and without any indebtedness. Will you help to continue this record?

We would beg leave to recommend that serious, careful and prayerful consideration be given to the plans and programs for our Lord's work following the 75 Million Campaign. We cannot go backward. We cannot stand still and remain where we are. We can go forward. We should go forward. We must go forward. Hence, we beseech you to consider the resolution which has been prepared; ask God what you should, as an association, do with it; vote on it and send a copy to Dr. R. B. Gunter, Jackson, Miss., as soon as association adjourns in order that he may know what to tell the new Program Committee recommended by the Southern Baptist Convention as to what Mississippi Baptists want to do following this campaign. By this means we shall also know what our churches want when we come to our State Convention in November.

14. Budget-Stewardship Campaign.

The Southern Baptist Convention in its May session, Kansas City, recommended a Budget and Stewardship Campaign for the whole South. The Conservation Commission, approved by the Southern Baptist Convention, following the recommendation for Stewardship and Budget Campaign, elected Dr. O. E. Bryan, at that time the head of the department of Enlistment and Evangelism of the Home Board, as Director of this new movement. Dr. Bryan is a very practical man with considerable common sense and plenty of religion. If the churches give themselves to this new work as they should, the next ten years for Southern Baptists will mark greater progress than for any thirty years in the past. Literature will be furnished to the churches, a book on Stewardship and one on The Budget Plan will be recommended for study. We are coming nearer all the time to the Bible plan of financing the Kingdom. We shall see our churches grow in the doctrine of Stewardship and in regular and systematic giving to all the causes.

II. MISSIONS BEYOND THE STATE

1. Home Missions—

The Home Mission Board made a great report to the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City last May. When the Convention met in that city eighteen years ago, the board's receipts for the year were \$169,988.92. This year they were \$1,002,193.07.

Then the board reported 10,551 baptisms, this year 38,770. In 1905 the board had no special department for Evangelism. Shortly after that the department was organized and through it there have been 152,846 converts baptized, 208,643 additions to the churches and 23,260 volunteers for the ministry or definite mission work.

Surely we have reason for abundant thanksgiving to God for His marvelous favor upon the work of our Home Mission Board.

It is our one great Southwide missionary agency, and has been the greatest single factor in helping to make the South a mighty Baptist empire.

While Southern Baptists have made mighty progress, there are greater needs and vaster opportunities at present than ever before in our history.

There are millions of lost souls whom we must reach, and our people must be enlisted in all our denominational life and activities.

Our Home Mission Board is heavily in debt on account of the great enlargement of the work and the falling off in receipts due largely to the deflation in prices in general.

The last report of the Board states that if we raise \$75,000,000 by the close of the Seventy-five Million Campaign, and the Home Board receives its due proportion, the Board's debt can be paid and the Board's work increased fifty per cent over its present operations.

Let us come to the help of this great work and all our other interests as well.

2. Foreign Missions—

Our Foreign Mission work grows. We have now 891 churches in 16 foreign lands; 211, or practically one-fourth of the churches are self-supporting; 442 or one half have their own houses of worship. In addition to the churches there are 2,896 out-stations which give us a total of practically 4,000 stations where the Word of God is preached regularly. Last year was the crowning year in baptisms, 12,611 were baptized, which is 4,720 more than reported the year before. We have 103,328 members. These gave \$4.23 per capita last year. We have 796 schools which were attended last year by 32,789 scholars. This is about equal to the number of students in our Baptist schools in the Southland.

There were 1,447 Sunday Schools, which had an enrollment of 67,407.

We have now 501 foreign missionaries and 2,820 native missionaries. This is almost twice as many foreign missionaries and almost four times as many native missionaries as we had in 1919 at the beginning of the 75 Million Campaign.

The Board reported a debt of \$403,000 at the last Southern Baptist Convention. There has been no disposition to criticize the Board because everybody has realized that the Board has been very conservative in making appropriations. It has appropriated only a little above one-half of the amount that was proposed for it in the 75 Million Campaign.

The Board at its June meeting appointed forty-eight new missionaries who in the early fall of this year will go to their fields.

The practical suggestion for everybody to take to heart at this critical time when the Board is burdened with debt, overwhelmed by the growth of the work, and appalled by vast unmet needs, is that every one should do his utmost to pay his 75 Million Campaign pledge in full this year. If these pledges are paid fully the Board can pay its debts, support the missionaries and provide for many, many more distressing needs. The simple solution of our present situation is the payment of our 75 Million Campaign pledges. This is the biggest need for Foreign Missions this year. Now is the time to go forward.

Respectfully submitted,

L. P. SPINKS.

Brother L. E. Lightsey preached a very interesting sermon. Text was taken from Matthew 28:19-20.

The Finance Committee reports \$85.56 having been received from churches and public offering at this meeting of the Association.

The Association adjourned to meet with the Bay Springs Baptist Church, Friday before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1924.

CONSTITUTION

1. This body shall be known as the Kemper County Baptist Association.
2. This Association shall be composed of Missionary Baptist Churches in Kemper County and such other outlying churches which may feel that they can best promote the interests of the Master's Kingdom by membership with us.
3. Each church in this Association shall be entitled to two delegates and one additional for each fifty members above the first fifty, all ordained ministers holding membership in or being a pastor of churches in this Association shall be seated as delegates.
4. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and Clerk-Treasurer, who shall be elected at the beginning of each annual session of the body, and shall discharge the duties incumbent upon such officers.
5. The purpose of this Association shall be to enlist, combine and direct the energies of the sisterhood of churches in Missions—Home, Foreign and State—Christian Education, Sunday Schools, Temperance, Hospitals, Orphanages, Aged Ministers' Relief, and such other interests as will promote the Master's interests among men.
6. The Association shall meet annually at a time and place designated by the Association in session, or by the Moderator in council with the Executive Committee.
7. The Association shall elect annually one brother from each church of the Association, who together with the Moderator and Clerk-Treasurer, shall constitute an Executive Committee, whose duties shall be to look after the interests of the Association during the interim of the annual meetings of the body.
8. The delegates shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying to their appointment as delegates and containing such other information as may be deemed important to the Association and its work.
9. This Association admits the right of any church to withdraw at any time from this body without giving any reason for so doing, and it reserves the right to withdraw from and disown any or all churches which depart from the principles of this compact by becoming either heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice.
10. This Association may have a fund, to be raised by voluntary contributions of the churches or individuals, which fund shall be placed in the hands of the Treasurer, and to be paid out by him on order of the Moderator on instructions from the Association in session or through its Executive Committee during the interim in annual sessions.
11. This body shall be purely advisory in its purpose and work, and shall never in any way usurp the ability of the churches, or infringe upon the independence and individual rights of the churches.
12. This Association shall appoint at each annual session two preachers to prepare and preach at the next meeting of the Association, one to preach the Associational or introductory sermon, the other to preach on some distinctive doctrine of the Baptist denomination.
13. This Constitution may be altered or amended as experience may dictate, at any annual meeting; provided the proposed alteration or amendment shall have been presented to the Association at an annual meeting at least one year previous to the act making the change, and shall be concurred in by two-thirds of the membership present.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Omnipotent, Omnipresent and Omniscient; co-equal and eternal.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were written by inspiration of God, and that they are our only all-sufficient rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, of total depravity, and of man's inability to restore himself in the favor of God.

4. We believe that God chose His people in Christ Jesus before the foundation of the world, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith, unto salvation ready to be revealed at the last day.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the Truth, and He has commanded it to be preached to every creature; therefore, all are required to obey.

7. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and the only evidence of justification; and that all believers will abound therein from a principle of love.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the just and the unjust; the general judgment; and that the joy of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that a visible church of Christ Jesus is composed of only baptized believers, covenanted together to keep house for the Lord, and carry on His work according to the principles of the New Testament.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only law-giver of His Church, and that His government is with the Church, each member having equal rights therein.

11. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the only ordinances of the Church, and are to be continued till the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

12. We believe that the immersion of a believer in water, alone is baptism, and can be administered only by those duly and regularly set apart by the Church, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects for the ordinance.

13. We believe that only regular baptized believers, who are in full fellowship with the doctrines of the Church, are eligible partakers of the Lord's Supper.

14. We believe that Salvation is by Grace through Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. All meetings of this Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The officers of this Association shall hold their positions till their successors are duly elected.

3. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the meetings, or call some one to the chair while he speaks on a subject, or absents himself from the chair for cause; he shall appoint all committees, with the sanction of this Association, explain questions, administer reproof when necessary and decide between contending claims.

He may vote only in case of tie. He shall be deemed a judge of order and his judgment shall be final unless there be some one to appeal from his decision to the Association by two-thirds vote, before the close of that particular session of the meeting. He shall also be chairman of the Executive Committee and preside over its meetings.

4. The Clerk-Treasurer shall enroll the names of the delegates (immediately after the opening of the Association by prayer, led by the Moderator, or some one whom he may appoint), and on each succeeding day of the session shall call the roll of delegates, noting the absentees. He shall keep a record of the proceedings of each session of the body and discharge such other duties as the body may direct. He shall also be Secretary of the Executive Committee.

5. Members wishing to speak shall address the Moderator. Only one member shall be permitted to speak at a time, and the one first rising, unless he depart from the subject, or indulge in invective.

6. No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject except by permission of the Association.

7. No member shall leave the meeting of the Association without the permission of the Moderator.

8. Every motion duly seconded, after due discussion, shall be put to vote unless it be withdrawn by the mover, before another motion is in order.

9. Members shall use the term Brother in speaking to or of each other in the meetings.

10. These rules shall be read at each annual session of the Association.

11. These rules may be altered or amended at any annual session by majority vote of those members present.

12. Kerfoot's Parliamentary Practice shall be adopted as standard in the government of this body.

13. In all motions coming up for consideration, a majority vote shall rule, except in case of an appeal from the chair or an amendment to the Constitution, which requires a two-thirds vote.

LIST OF THE DEAD

Mrs. Roy Henderson
W. I. Hammack
Mrs. Carry Persons
Thomas Edwards
J. W. Chancy

LIST OF ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD OF CHURCH ORGANIZERS

Antioch	J. N. Moore
Bay Springs	O. D. McDade
Binnsville	S. H. Evans
Blackwater	J. N. McWilliams
Center Ridge	S. W. Key
DeKalb	W. F. Brown
Electric Mills	M. M. Hendly
Friendship	I. A. Sanders
Philadelphia	Miss Dollie Hopper
Scooba	I. H. Lanier
Stonewall	Miss Lizzie Hallford
Wahalak	A. J. Denton
Zion Hill	O. S. Vandevender

KEMPER COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENTS OF B. Y. P. U., W. M. U. and SUPTS. SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCHES	PRES. W. M. U.	PRES. of B. Y. P. U.	SUPTS. of SUNDAY SCHOOLS
Antioch			
Bay Springs			
Binnsville	Mrs. S. H. Evans		H. J. Dockery, Geiger, Ala.
Blackwater	Geiger, Ala.		
Center Ridge			
DeKalb	Mrs. S. R. Rogers		W. F. Brown, DeKalb
Electric Mills	Union		
Friendship			
Philadelphia			
Scocoba	Mrs. J. L. Wallace		I. H. Lanier, Scocoba
Stonewall	Scocoba	Scocoba	
Wahalak	Mrs. Jessie Freeman		
Zion Hill			Jim Blackwell, Goshier

HISTORICAL TABLE

CHURCH HELD WITH	Month	Year	MODERATOR	SEC.-TREAS.	PREACHER	No. Churches	Membership
Antioch	Oct.	1921	H. C. Joyner	A. C. Furr	H. T. McLaurin	11	737
Friendship	Oct.	1922	J. H. Newton	A. C. Furr	J. H. Newton	13	644
Blackwater	Oct.	1923	J. H. Newton	A. C. Furr	E. E. Huntsberry	13	714

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CHURCH DIRECTORY—MEMBERSHIP AND PROPERTY

NAME OF CHURCH	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Regular Days For Service	GAINS LOSSES				bership Total Mem.	Meetings Revival	No. Baptist Record	Value of Ch. Property	Pastor's Home
				Baptism	Letter	Letter	Death					
Antioch	J. L. Williams, Daleville	J. N. Moore, Scooba	1st			9	2	99	1	1	\$ 500	
Bay Springs	J. L. Williams, Daleville	W. J. McDade, DeKalb	4th		1	6		81	1		500	
Binnsville	A. C. Furr, Scooba	Mrs. Alma Evans, Geiger, Ala.	1st	1	1	1		34	1	4	1,500	
Blackwater	J. H. Newton, DeKalb	H. W. Davis, Daleville	1st		2	9		92	1		1,600	
Center Ridge	J. H. Newton, DeKalb	S. W. Key, DeKalb	3rd		1	2		50	1		450	
DeKalb	J. H. Newton, DeKalb	S. R. Rogers, DeKalb	4th	2	4	3		50	1	1	2,500	2,600
Electric Mills	J. H. Newton, DeKalb	C. G. McElroy, Electric Mills	1st		9	3		49				
Friendship		L. A. Sanders, Portersville										
Philadelphia	J. L. Williams, Daleville	Miss Dollie Hopper, Portersville	3rd					28	1		600	
Scooba	A. C. Furr, Scooba	G. C. Boyd, Scooba	1-2-5	5	10	3		82	1	11	2,500	2,500
Stonewall	J. L. Williams, Daleville	Miss Lula Lang, Scooba	3rd	1	1			46				
Union Hill		O. N. Vandever, Gholson	3rd			1		25			500	
Wahalak	A. C. Furr, Scooba	Mrs. R. W. Bethney, Wahalak	4th	7		2		26	1	1	950	
Totals				16	30	39	3	714	9	21	11,100	4,600

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FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES	LOCAL CHURCH TREASURERS and P. O.	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Ministerial Help	Literature for S. S. and B. Y. P. U.	Other Objects	Total Local Contributions	75 Million Fund	TREASURER OF MISSIONS and BENEVOLENCES and P. O.
Antioch	J. N. Moore, Scooba	\$ 61.25		16.00	13.70	4.00	20.35	7.44	J. N. Moore, Scooba
Bay Springs	C. C. McDade, DeKalb, Rt. 3	160.00		12.00			112.00		
Binnsville	S. H. Evans, Geiger, Ala.	72.45	15.00	14.00	13.50	5.00	121.95	29.30	S. H. Evans, Geiger, Ala.
Blackwater	H. W. Davis, Daleville	350.00		62.00		190.00	602.00		E. H. Mosley, Lauderdale
Center Ridge	S. W. Key, DeKalb	300.00		31.10			331.00	99.21	S. W. Key, DeKalb
DeKalb	H. W. Davis	350.00	333.50		52.00	190.00	935.50	187.00	Dr. J. A. Key, DeKalb
Electric Mills	Miss M. M. Henley					5.00			C. G. McElroy
Friendship									
Philadelphia	Miss Dollie Hopper, Porterville	56.20		30.00		6.25	92.45	5.25	Miss Dollie Hopper, Porterville
Scooba	I. H. Lanier, Scooba	413.73		201.25	50.00	120.00	784.98	224.75	J. W. Griffin, Scooba
Stonewall	J. H. Conner	35.71		10.16		3.00	48.87	6.18	
Union Hill	J. N. Vandevender, Gholson								
Wahalak	W. M. Pope, Wahalak	125.45	80.26	44.75		45.10	275.56	175.00	Mrs. R. W. Bethney, Wahalak
Totals		\$2,527.79	\$428.76	\$571.26	\$149.20	\$568.35	\$2,993.16	\$732.13	

